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To establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for high quality development in Clark County, Nevada, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 2002

Mr. GIBBONS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

To establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for high quality development in Clark County, Nevada, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5       “Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural  
6       Resources Act of 2002”.

7       (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of  
8       this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

## TITLE I—WILDERNESS AREAS

- Sec. 101. Findings.
- Sec. 102. Additions to National Wilderness Preservation System.
- Sec. 103. Administration.
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## TITLE III—AMENDMENTS TO THE SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT

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- Sec. 605. Conveyance to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Sec. 606. Henderson Economic Development Zone.
- Sec. 607. Conveyance of Sunrise Mountain landfill to Clark County, Nevada.
- Sec. 608. Open space land grants.
- Sec. 609. Relocation of right-of-way corridor located in Clark and Lincoln Counties in the State of Nevada.

## TITLE VII—MESQUITE/LINCOLN LANDS ACT AMENDMENTS

Sec. 701. Technical amendment to the Mesquite Lands Act 2001.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) AGREEMENT.—The term “Agreement”  
4 means the Agreement entitled “Interim Cooperative  
5 Management Agreement Between the United States  
6 Department of the Interior-Bureau of Land Man-  
7 agement and Clark County”, dated November 4,  
8 1992.

9 (2) COUNTY.—The term “County” means Clark  
10 County, Nevada.

11 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”  
12 means—

13 (A) in the case of land in the National  
14 Forest System, the Secretary of Agriculture;  
15 and

16 (B) in the case of land not in the National  
17 Forest System, the Secretary of the Interior.

18 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means the State  
19 of Nevada.

20 **TITLE I—WILDERNESS AREAS**

21 **SEC. 101. FINDINGS.**

22 Congress finds that—

1           (1) public land in the County contains unique  
2           and spectacular natural resources, including—

3                   (A) priceless habitat for numerous species  
4                   of plants and wildlife; and

5                   (B) thousands of acres of pristine land  
6                   that remain in a natural state; and

7           (2) continued preservation of those areas would  
8           benefit the County and all of the United States by—

9                   (A) ensuring the conservation of eco-  
10                  logically diverse habitat;

11                  (B) conserving primitive recreational re-  
12                  sources; and

13                  (C) protecting air and water quality.

14 **SEC. 102. ADDITIONS TO NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESER-**  
15 **VATION SYSTEM.**

16           (a) ADDITIONS.—The following land in the State is  
17           designated as wilderness and as components of the Na-  
18           tional Wilderness Preservation System:

19                   (1) ARROW CANYON WILDERNESS.—Certain  
20                   Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Man-  
21                   agement, comprising approximately 27,495 acres, as  
22                   generally depicted on the map entitled “Arrow Can-  
23                   yon”, dated June 5, 2002, which shall be known as  
24                   the “Arrow Canyon Wilderness”.

1           (2) BLACK CANYON WILDERNESS.—Certain  
2       Federal land within the Lake Mead National Recre-  
3       ation Area and an adjacent portion of Federal land  
4       managed by the Bureau of Land Management, com-  
5       prising approximately 17,220 acres, as generally de-  
6       picted on the map entitled “El Dorado/Spirit Moun-  
7       tain”, dated June 10, 2002, which shall be known  
8       as the “Black Canyon Wilderness”.

9           (3) BLACK MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS.—Certain  
10      Federal land within the Lake Mead National Recre-  
11      ation Area, comprising approximately 14,625 acres,  
12      as generally depicted on the map entitled “Muddy  
13      Mountains”, dated June 5, 2002, which shall be  
14      known as the “Black Mountain Wilderness”.

15          (4) BRIDGE CANYON WILDERNESS.—Certain  
16      Federal land within the Lake Mead National Recre-  
17      ation Area, comprising approximately 7,761 acres,  
18      as generally depicted on the map entitled “El Do-  
19      rado/Spirit Mountain”, dated June 10, 2002, which  
20      shall be known as the “Bridge Canyon Wilderness”.

21          (5) EL DORADO WILDERNESS.—Certain Federal  
22      land within the Lake Mead National Recreation  
23      Area and an adjacent portion of Federal land man-  
24      aged by the Bureau of Land Management, com-  
25      prising approximately 31,950 acres, as generally de-

1       picted on the map entitled “El Dorado/Spirit Moun-  
2       tain”, dated June 10, 2002, which shall be known  
3       as the “El Dorado Wilderness”.

4               (6) HAMBLIN MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS.—Cer-  
5       tain Federal land within the Lake Mead National  
6       Recreation Area, comprising approximately 17,047  
7       acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled  
8       “Muddy Mountains”, dated June 5, 2002, which  
9       shall be known as the “Hamblin Mountain Wilder-  
10      ness”.

11              (7) IRETEBA PEAKS WILDERNESS.—Certain  
12      Federal land within the Lake Mead National Recre-  
13      ation Area and an adjacent portion of Federal land  
14      managed by the Bureau of Land Management, com-  
15      prising approximately 31,321 acres, as generally de-  
16      picted on the map entitled “El Dorado/Spirit Moun-  
17      tain”, dated June 10, 2002, which shall be known  
18      as the “Ireteba Peaks Wilderness”.

19              (8) JIMBILNAN WILDERNESS.—Certain Federal  
20      land within the Lake Mead National Recreation  
21      Area, comprising approximately 18,879 acres, as  
22      generally depicted on the map entitled “Muddy  
23      Mountains”, dated June 5, 2002, which shall be  
24      known as the “Jimbilnan Wilderness”.

1           (9) JUMBO SPRINGS WILDERNESS.—Certain  
2       Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Man-  
3       agement, comprising approximately 4,631 acres, as  
4       generally depicted on the map entitled “Gold  
5       Butte”, dated June 5, 2002, which shall be known  
6       as the “Jumbo Springs Wilderness”.

7           (10) LA MADRE MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS.—Cer-  
8       tain Federal land within the Toiyabe National For-  
9       est and an adjacent portion of Federal land man-  
10      aged by the Bureau of Land Management, com-  
11      prising approximately 46,634 acres, as generally de-  
12      picted on the map entitled “Spring Mountains”,  
13      dated June 5, 2002, which shall be known as the  
14      “La Madre Mountain Wilderness”.

15          (11) LIME CANYON WILDERNESS.—Certain  
16      Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Man-  
17      agement, comprising approximately 16,710 acres, as  
18      generally depicted on the map entitled “Gold  
19      Butte”, dated June 5, 2002, which shall be known  
20      as the “Lime Canyon Wilderness”.

21          (12) MT. CHARLESTON WILDERNESS ADDI-  
22      TIONS.—Certain Federal land within the Toiyabe  
23      National Forest and an adjacent portion of Federal  
24      land managed by the Bureau of Land Management,  
25      comprising approximately 13,598 acres, as generally

1 depicted on the map entitled “Spring Mountains”,  
2 dated June 5, 2002, which shall be included in the  
3 Mt. Charleston Wilderness.

4 (13) MUDDY MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS.—Cer-  
5 tain Federal land within the Lake Mead National  
6 Recreation Area and an adjacent portion of land  
7 managed by the Bureau of Land Management, com-  
8 prising approximately 48,019 acres, as generally de-  
9 picted on the map entitled “Muddy Mountains”,  
10 dated June 5, 2002, which shall be known as the  
11 “Muddy Mountains Wilderness”.

12 (14) NELLIS WASH WILDERNESS.—Certain  
13 Federal land within the Lake Mead National Recre-  
14 ation Area, comprising approximately 16,423 acres,  
15 as generally depicted on the map entitled “El Do-  
16 rado/Spirit Mountain”, dated June 10, 2002, which  
17 shall be known as the “Nellis Wash Wilderness”.

18 (15) NORTH MCCULLOUGH WILDERNESS.—Cer-  
19 tain Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land  
20 Management, comprising approximately 14,763  
21 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled  
22 “McCulloughs”, dated June 10, 2002, which shall be  
23 known as the “North McCullough Wilderness”.

24 (16) PINE CREEK WILDERNESS.—Certain Fed-  
25 eral land within the Toiyabe National Forest and an



1 adjacent portion of Federal land managed by the  
2 Bureau of Land Management, comprising approxi-  
3 mately 25,375 acres, as generally depicted on the  
4 map entitled “Spring Mountains”, dated June 5,  
5 2002, which shall be known as the “Pine Creek Wil-  
6 derness”.

7 (17) PINTO VALLEY WILDERNESS.—Certain  
8 Federal land within the Lake Mead National Recre-  
9 ation Area and an adjacent portion of Federal land  
10 managed by the Bureau of Land Management, com-  
11 prising approximately 6,912 acres, as generally de-  
12 picted on the map entitled “Muddy Mountains”,  
13 dated June 5, 2002, which shall be known as the  
14 “Pinto Valley Wilderness”.

15 (18) SOUTH MCCULLOUGH WILDERNESS.—Cer-  
16 tain Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land  
17 Management, comprising approximately 44,245  
18 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled  
19 “McCulloughs”, dated June 10, 2002, which shall be  
20 known as the “South McCullough Wilderness”.

21 (19) SPIRIT MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS.—Certain  
22 Federal land within the Lake Mead National Recre-  
23 ation Area and an adjacent portion of Federal land  
24 managed by the Bureau of Land Management, com-  
25 prising approximately 34,261 acres, as generally de-

1       picted on the map entitled “El Dorado/Spirit Moun-  
2       tain”, dated June 10, 2002, which shall be known  
3       as the “Spirit Mountain Wilderness”.

4               (20) WEE THUMP JOSHUA TREE WILDER-  
5       NESS.—Certain Federal land managed by the Bu-  
6       reau of Land Management, comprising approxi-  
7       mately 6,050 acres, as generally depicted on the  
8       map entitled “McCulloughs”, dated June 10, 2002,  
9       which shall be known as the “Wee Thump Joshua  
10      Tree Wilderness”.

11      (b) BOUNDARY.—

12              (1) \_\_\_\_.—The boundary of any portion of a  
13      wilderness area designated by subsection (a) that is  
14      bordered by Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, or the Colo-  
15      rado River shall be 300 feet inland from the high  
16      water line.

17              (2) \_\_\_\_.—The boundary of any portion of a  
18      wilderness area designated by subsection (a) that is  
19      bordered by a road shall be at least 100 feet wide  
20      from either edge of the road to allow public access.

21      (c) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

22              (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after  
23      the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
24      shall file a map and legal description of each wilder-  
25      ness area designated by subsection (a) with the

1 Committee on Resources of the House of Represent-  
2 atives and the Committee on Energy and Natural  
3 Resources of the Senate.

4 (2) EFFECT.—Each map and legal description  
5 shall have the same force and effect as if included  
6 in this section, except that the Secretary may correct  
7 clerical and typographical errors in the map or legal  
8 description.

9 (3) AVAILABILITY.—Each map and legal de-  
10 scription shall be on file and available for public in-  
11 spection in (as appropriate)—

12 (A) the Office of the Director of the Bu-  
13 reau of Land Management;

14 (B) the Office of the State Director of the  
15 Bureau of Land Management of the State;

16 (C) the Las Vegas District Office of the  
17 Bureau of Land Management;

18 (D) the Office of the Director of the Na-  
19 tional Park Service; and

20 (E) the Office of the Chief of the Forest  
21 Service.

22 **SEC. 103. ADMINISTRATION.**

23 (a) WILDERNESS AREA ADMINISTRATION.—Subject  
24 to valid existing rights, including rights to access the area,  
25 each area designated as wilderness by this title shall be

1 administered by the Secretary in accordance with the pro-  
2 visions of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.)  
3 governing areas designated by that Act as wilderness, ex-  
4 cept that any reference in the provisions to the effective  
5 date shall be considered to be a reference to the date of  
6 enactment of this Act.

7 (b) LIVESTOCK.—Within the wilderness areas des-  
8 ignated under this title, the grazing of livestock in areas  
9 in which grazing is allowed on the date of enactment of  
10 this Act shall be allowed to continue subject to such rea-  
11 sonable regulations, policies, and practices that—

12 (1) the Secretary considers necessary; and

13 (2) conform to and implement the intent of  
14 Congress regarding grazing in those areas as such  
15 intent is expressed in—

16 (A) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et  
17 seq.);

18 (B) section 101(f) of the Arizona Desert  
19 Wilderness Act of 1990 (104 Stat. 4473); and

20 (C) Appendix A of House Report No. 101–  
21 405 of the 101st Congress.

22 (c) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND INTER-  
23 ESTS.—Any land or interest in land within the boundaries  
24 of an area designated as wilderness by this title that is  
25 acquired by the United States after the date of enactment

1 of this Act shall be added to and administered as part  
2 of the wilderness area within which the acquired land or  
3 interest in land is located.

4 (d) AIR QUALITY DESIGNATION.—Notwithstanding  
5 sections 162 and 164 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.  
6 7472, 7474), any wilderness area designated under this  
7 title shall retain a Class II air quality designation and may  
8 not be redesignated as Class I.

9 **SEC. 104. ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Congress does not intend for the  
11 designation of wilderness in the State pursuant to this  
12 title to lead to the creation of protective perimeters or  
13 buffer zones around any such wilderness area.

14 (b) NONWILDERNESS ACTIVITIES.—The fact that  
15 nonwilderness activities or uses can be seen or heard from  
16 areas within a wilderness designated under this title shall  
17 not preclude the conduct of those activities or uses outside  
18 the boundary of the wilderness area.

19 **SEC. 105. OVERFLIGHTS.**

20 Nothing in this title restricts or precludes—

21 (1) overflights, including low-level overflights,  
22 over the areas designated as wilderness by this title,  
23 including military overflights that can be seen or  
24 heard within the wilderness areas;

25 (2) flight testing and evaluation; or

1           (3) the designation or creation of new units of  
2           special use airspace, or the establishment of military  
3           flight training routes, over the wilderness areas.

4 **SEC. 106. NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS**  
5 **USES.**

6           In recognition of the past use of portions of the areas  
7           designated as wilderness by this title by Native Americans  
8           for traditional cultural and religious purposes, the Sec-  
9           retary shall ensure, from time to time, nonexclusive access  
10          by Native Americans to the areas for those purposes, in-  
11          cluding wood gathering for personal use and the collecting  
12          of plants or herbs.

13 **SEC. 107. RELEASE OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS.**

14          (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that, for the purposes  
15          of sections 202 and 603 of the Federal Land Policy and  
16          Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1782), the  
17          public land in the County administered by the Bureau of  
18          Land Management and the Forest Service in the following  
19          areas have been adequately studied for wilderness designa-  
20          tion:

- 21               (1) The Garrett Buttes Wilderness Study Area.  
22               (2) The Quail Springs Wilderness Study Area.  
23               (3) The Nellis A,B,C Wilderness Study Area.  
24               (4) Any portion of the wilderness study areas—

1 (A) not designated as wilderness by section  
2 102(a); and

3 (B) designated for release on—

4 (i) the map entitled “Muddy Moun-  
5 tains” and dated June 5, 2002;

6 (ii) the map entitled “Spring Moun-  
7 tains” and dated June 5, 2002;

8 (iii) the map entitled “Arrow Canyon”  
9 and dated June 5, 2002;

10 (iv) the map entitled “Gold Butte”  
11 and dated June 5, 2002;

12 (v) the map entitled “McCullough  
13 Mountains” and dated June 10, 2002;

14 (vi) the map entitled “El Dorado/  
15 Spirit Mountain” and dated June 10,  
16 2002; or

17 (vii) the map entitled “Southern Ne-  
18 vada Public Land Management Act” and  
19 dated June 10, 2002.

20 (b) RELEASE.—Except as provided in subsection (c),  
21 any public land described in subsection (a) that is not des-  
22 ignated as wilderness by this title—

23 (1) shall not be subject to section 603(c) of the  
24 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976  
25 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)); and

1 (2) shall be managed in accordance with—

2 (A) land management plans adopted under  
3 section 202 of that Act (43 U.S.C. 1712) ex-  
4 cept that released lands shall not be studied  
5 again for wilderness designation; and

6 (B) the Clark County Multi-Species Habi-  
7 tat Conservation Plan, including any amend-  
8 ments to the plan.

9 (c) LAND NOT RELEASED.—The following land is not  
10 released from the wilderness study requirements of sec-  
11 tions 202 and 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Man-  
12 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1782):

13 (1) Meadow Valley Mountains Wilderness Study  
14 Area.

15 (2) Million Hills Wilderness Study Area.

16 (3) Mt. Stirling Wilderness Study Area.

17 (4) Mormon Mountains Wilderness Study Area.

18 (5) Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area.

19 (6) Virgin Mountain Instant Study Area.

20 (d) RIGHT-OF-WAY GRANTS.—

21 (1) SUNRISE MOUNTAIN.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—To facilitate energy se-  
23 curity and the timely delivery of new energy  
24 supplies to the States of Nevada and California  
25 and the Southwest, notwithstanding section



603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)), the Secretary shall issue to the State-regulated sponsor of the Centennial Project a right-of-way grant for the construction and maintenance of 2 500-kilovolt electrical transmission lines.

(B) LOCATION.—The transmission lines described in subparagraph (A) shall be constructed within the 1,400-foot-wide utility right-of-way corridor in the Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area in the County.

(2) MEADOW VALLEY MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STUDY AREA.—The Secretary shall issue to the developers of the proposed Meadow Valley generating project a right-of-way grant for the construction and maintenance of electric and water transmission lines in the Meadow Valley Mountains Wilderness Study Area in Clark and Lincoln Counties in the State.

**SEC. 108. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct such management activities as are necessary to maintain or restore fish and wildlife populations and fish and wildlife habitats in the areas designated as wilderness by this title.

(b) HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall permit  
2       hunting, fishing, and trapping on land and water in  
3       wilderness areas designated by this title in accord-  
4       ance with applicable Federal and State laws.

5           (2) LIMITATIONS.—

6               (A) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may  
7       designate by regulation areas in which, and es-  
8       tablish periods during which, for reasons of  
9       public safety, administration, or compliance  
10      with applicable laws, no hunting, fishing, or  
11      trapping will be permitted in the wilderness  
12      areas designated by this title.

13            (B) CONSULTATION.—Except in emer-  
14      gencies, the Secretary shall consult with, and  
15      obtain the approval of, the appropriate State  
16      agency before promulgating regulations under  
17      subparagraph (A) that close a portion of the  
18      wilderness areas to hunting, fishing, or trap-  
19      ping.

20           (c) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—

21               (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall author-  
22      ize the occasional and temporary use of motorized  
23      vehicles in the wilderness areas, including the uses  
24      described in paragraph (2), if the use of motorized  
25      vehicles would—

1 (A) as determined by the Secretary, en-  
2 hance wilderness values by promoting healthy,  
3 viable, and more naturally distributed wildlife  
4 populations and other natural resources; and

5 (B) accomplish the purposes for which the  
6 use is authorized while causing the least  
7 amount of damage to the wilderness areas, as  
8 compared with the alternatives.

9 (2) AUTHORIZED USES.—The uses referred to  
10 in paragraph (1) include—

11 (A) the use of motorized vehicles by—

12 (i) a State agency responsible for fish  
13 and wildlife management; or

14 (ii) a designee of such a State agency;

15 (B) the use of aircraft to survey, capture,  
16 transplant, and monitor wildlife populations;

17 (C) when necessary to protect or rehabili-  
18 tate natural resources in the wilderness areas,  
19 access by motorized vehicles for the—

20 (i) repair, maintenance, and recon-  
21 struction of water developments, including  
22 guzzlers, in existence on the date of enact-  
23 ment of this Act; and

1 (ii) the installation, repair, maintenance,  
2 nance, and reconstruction of new water developments,  
3 including guzzlers; and

4 (D) the use of motorized equipment, including  
5 aircraft, to manage and remove, as appropriate,  
6 feral stock, and wild free-roaming horses and burros,  
7 as defined by the Wild Horse and Burro Act of 1971  
8 (Public Law 92–195).  
9

10 (d) WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.—The Secretary  
11 shall authorize the construction of structures and  
12 facilities for water development projects, including guzzlers,  
13 in the wilderness areas designated by this title if—

14 (1) the construction activities will, as determined  
15 by the Secretary, enhance wilderness values  
16 by promoting healthy, viable, and more naturally  
17 distributed wildlife populations; and

18 (2) the visual impacts of the construction activities  
19 on the wilderness areas can reasonably be minimized.  
20

21 (e) EFFECT.—Nothing in this title diminishes the jurisdiction  
22 of the State with respect to fish and wildlife management,  
23 including regulation of hunting and fishing on public land  
24 in the State.

1 **SEC. 109. WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT.**

2       Nothing in this title precludes a Federal, State, or  
3 local agency from taking such measures in the wilderness  
4 areas designated by this title as necessary for the control  
5 and prevention of fire, insects, and diseases, as provided  
6 in section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act. Such measures  
7 may include the use of mechanized and motorized equip-  
8 ment, including aircraft, for fire suppression where nec-  
9 essary to protect public health, safety, and private prop-  
10 erty.

11 **SEC. 110. NOXIOUS WEED, PEST, AND INVASIVE SPECIES**  
12 **MANAGEMENT.**

13       Nothing in this title precludes a Federal, State, or  
14 local agency from conducting noxious and invasive species  
15 management operations (including operations using air-  
16 craft, motorized, or mechanized equipment, pesticides, or  
17 introduced biological agents) to manage noxious weeds,  
18 pests, or invasive species in the wilderness areas des-  
19 ignated by this title.

20 **SEC. 111. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21       There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
22 as are necessary to carry out this title.

23 **SEC. 112. WATER RESOURCES.**

24       Nothing in this Act or any action taken pursuant  
25 thereto shall constitute an express or implied reservation  
26 of surface or groundwater by any person, including the

1 United States. Nothing in this Act affects any valid exist-  
2 ing water rights in existence before the date of the enact-  
3 ment of this Act, including any water rights held by the  
4 United States. Any recipients of land now held by the  
5 United States must comply with Nevada State law in the  
6 appropriation, distribution, and adjudication of water  
7 rights. If the United States determines that additional  
8 water resources are needed for the purposes of this Act,  
9 the United States shall acquire such rights in accordance  
10 with the water laws of the State of Nevada.

## 11 **TITLE II—TRANSFERS OF** 12 **ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION**

### 13 **SEC. 201. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION** 14 **TO THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE** 15 **SERVICE.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall  
17 transfer to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
18 administrative jurisdiction over the parcel of land de-  
19 scribed in subsection (b) for inclusion in the Desert Na-  
20 tional Wildlife Range.

21 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The parcel of land re-  
22 ferred to in subsection (a) is the approximately 49,817  
23 acres of Bureau of Land Management land, as depicted  
24 on the map entitled “Arrow Canyon” and dated June 5,  
25 2002.

1 (c) WILDERNESS RELEASE.—

2 (1) FINDING.—Congress finds that the parcel  
3 of land described in subsection (b) has been ade-  
4 quately studied for wilderness designation for the  
5 purposes of section 603(c) of the Federal Land Pol-  
6 icy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.  
7 1782(c)).

8 (2) RELEASE.—The parcel of land described in  
9 subsection (b)—

10 (A) shall not be subject to section 603(c)  
11 of the Federal Land Policy and Management  
12 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)); and

13 (B) shall be managed in accordance with—

14 (i) land management plans adopted  
15 under section 202 of that Act (43 U.S.C.  
16 1712); and

17 (ii) the Clark County Multi-Species  
18 Habitat Conservation Plan.

19 (d) USE OF LAND.—Notwithstanding Federal or  
20 State law, the parcel of land described in subsection (b)  
21 shall be available for the extraction of mineral resources.

22 **SEC. 202. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION**  
23 **TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall  
25 transfer to the National Park Service administrative juris-

1 diction over the parcel of land described in subsection (b)  
2 for inclusion in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

3 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The parcel of land re-  
4 ferred to in subsection (a) is the approximately 10 acres  
5 of Bureau of Land Management land, as depicted on the  
6 map entitled “El Dorado/Spirit Mountain” and dated  
7 June 10, 2002.

8 (c) USE OF LAND.—The parcel of land described in  
9 subsection (b) shall be used by the National Park Service  
10 for administrative facilities.

11 **TITLE III—AMENDMENTS TO**  
12 **THE SOUTHERN NEVADA PUB-**  
13 **LIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT**

14 **SEC. 301. DISPOSAL AND EXCHANGE.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 of the Southern Nevada  
16 Public Land Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–  
17 263; 112 Stat. 2344) is amended—

18 (1) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by  
19 striking “entitled ‘Las Vegas Valley, Nevada, Land  
20 Disposal Map’, April 10, 1997” and inserting “enti-  
21 tled ‘Southern Nevada Public Land Management  
22 Act’, dated June 10, 2002”; and

23 (2) in subsection (e)(3)—



1 (A) in subparagraph (A)(iv), by inserting  
 2 “or regional governmental entity” after “local  
 3 government”; and

4 (B) by striking subparagraph (C) and in-  
 5 serting the following:

6 “(C) ADMINISTRATION.—Of the amounts  
 7 available to the Secretary from the special ac-  
 8 count in any fiscal year (determined without  
 9 taking into account amounts deposited under  
 10 subsection (g)(4))—

11 “(i) not more than 25 percent of the  
 12 amounts may be used in any fiscal year for  
 13 the purposes described in subparagraph  
 14 (A)(ii); and

15 “(ii) not less than 25 percent of the  
 16 amounts may be used in any fiscal year for  
 17 the purposes described in subparagraph  
 18 (A)(iv).”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 20 subsection (a) take effect on January 31, 2003.

## 21 **TITLE IV—IVANPAH CORRIDOR**

### 22 **SEC. 401. INTERSTATE ROUTE 15 SOUTH CORRIDOR.**

23 (a) MANAGEMENT OF INTERSTATE ROUTE 15 SOUTH  
 24 CORRIDOR LAND.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage  
2           the land located within the Interstate Route 15 cor-  
3           ridor south of the Las Vegas Valley to the border  
4           between the States of California and Nevada, as  
5           generally depicted by “Interstate 15 South Cor-  
6           ridor” in map legend for the map entitled “Clark  
7           County Conservation of Public Land and Natural  
8           Resources Act of 2002” and dated June 10, 2002,  
9           in accordance with the Southern Nevada Public  
10          Land Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–  
11          263; 112 Stat. 2343) and this section. Unless other-  
12          wise encumbered by special land management des-  
13          ignations in the 1998 Las Vegas District Resource  
14          Management Plan or the Clark County Multi-Spe-  
15          cies Conservation Plan, lands within the map identi-  
16          fied in this section shall be managed for multiple use  
17          purposes. The Secretary shall consult with interested  
18          parties, including, but not limited to, Clark County  
19          and the City of Henderson in developing, revising, or  
20          amending any resource management plan, including  
21          any designation or amendment of disposal bound-  
22          aries relating to the I–15 South Corridor.

23          (2) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map described  
24          in paragraph (1) shall be on file and available for  
25          public inspection in—

1 (A) the Office of the Director of the Bu-  
2 reau of Land Management;

3 (B) the Office of the State Director of the  
4 Bureau of Land Management of the State; and

5 (C) the Las Vegas District Office of the  
6 Bureau of Land Management.

7 (3) MULTIPLE USE MANAGEMENT.—Subject to  
8 any land management designations under the 1998  
9 Las Vegas District Resource Management Plan or  
10 the Clark County Multi-Species Conservation Plan,  
11 land depicted on the map described in paragraph (1)  
12 shall be managed for multiple use purposes.

13 (4) TERMINATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE WITH-  
14 DRAWAL.—The administrative withdrawal of the  
15 land identified as the “Interstate 15 South Cor-  
16 ridor” on the map entitled “Clark County Conserva-  
17 tion of Public Land and Natural Resources Act of  
18 2002” and dated June 10, 2002, from mineral entry  
19 dated July 23, 1997, and as amended March 9,  
20 1998, is terminated.

21 (5) TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES COR-  
22 RIDOR.—Notwithstanding sections 202 and 203 of  
23 the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of  
24 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713), the Secretary, in ac-  
25 cordance with this section and other applicable law

1 and subject to valid existing rights, shall establish a  
2 2,640-foot wide corridor east of Interstate 15 for the  
3 placement, on a nonexclusive basis, of utilities and  
4 transportation as generally depicted on the map en-  
5 titled “I-15 Corridor South, Transportation and  
6 Utilities Corridor”.

7 (b) IVANPAH AIRPORT NOISE COMPATIBILITY AREA  
8 LAND TRANSFER.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2)  
10 and valid existing rights, on request by the County,  
11 the Secretary shall transfer to the County, without  
12 consideration, all right, title, and interest of the  
13 United States in and to the land as generally de-  
14 picted by; “Ivanpah Airport Noise Compatibility  
15 area” in map legend for the map entitled “Clark  
16 County Conservation of Public Land and Natural  
17 Resources Act of 2002” and dated June 10, 2002.

18 (2) CONDITIONS FOR TRANSFER.—As a condi-  
19 tion of the transfer under paragraph (1), the County  
20 shall agree—

21 (A) to manage the transferred land in ac-  
22 cordance with section 47504 of title 49, United  
23 States Code (including regulations promulgated  
24 under that section); and

1 (B) that if any portion of the transferred  
2 land is sold, leased, or otherwise conveyed or  
3 leased by the County—

4 (i) the sale, lease, or other conveyance  
5 shall be—

6 (I) subject to a limitation that  
7 requires that any use of the trans-  
8 ferred land be consistent with section  
9 47504 of title 49, United States Code  
10 (including regulations promulgated  
11 under that section); and

12 (II) for fair market value except  
13 as provided for in section 4(b)(2) of  
14 the Southern Nevada Public Land  
15 Management Act of 1998 (Public Law  
16 105–263; 112 Stat. 2344); and

17 (ii) of any gross proceeds received by  
18 the County from the sale, lease, or other  
19 conveyance of the land, the County shall—

20 (I) contribute 70 percent to the  
21 special account established by section  
22 4(e)(1)(C) of the Southern Nevada  
23 Public Land Management Act of 1998  
24 (Public Law 105–263; 112 Stat.  
25 2345);

1 (II) reserve 15 percent for aban-  
2 doned mine reclamation in Clark  
3 County;

4 (III) contribute 5 percent to the  
5 State for use in the general education  
6 program of the State; and

7 (IV) reserve 10 percent for use  
8 by the Clark County Department of  
9 Aviation for airport development and  
10 noise compatibility programs.

11 (c) I-15 CORRIDOR SOUTH, NEVADA LAND DIS-  
12 POSAL.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the land  
14 use planning requirements contained in sections 202  
15 and 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-  
16 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1711 and 1712), the  
17 Secretary, in accordance with this Act, the Federal  
18 Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, and  
19 other applicable law, and subject to valid existing  
20 rights, is authorized to dispose of lands within the  
21 boundary of the area under the jurisdiction of the  
22 Director of the Bureau of Land Management in  
23 Clark County, Nevada, as generally depicted on the  
24 map entitled “I-15 Corridor South, Nevada, Land  
25 Disposal Map”, dated April 2002. Such map shall be

1 on file and available for public inspection in the of-  
2 fices of the Director and the Las Vegas District of  
3 the Bureau of Land Management. Subject to valid  
4 existing rights, all Federal lands identified in this  
5 subsection for disposal are withdrawn from location  
6 and entry, under the mining laws and from oper-  
7 ation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leas-  
8 ing laws until such time as the Secretary terminates  
9 the withdrawal or the lands are patented.

10 (2) SELECTION.—The Secretary, in consulta-  
11 tion with the Clark County Board of County Com-  
12 missioners, shall jointly select the land to be sold  
13 under subsection (a).

14 (3) ACREAGE LIMITATIONS.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
16 clause (ii), the Secretary shall not sell or ex-  
17 change more than 640 acres of land under sub-  
18 section (a) during any 1 fiscal year.

19 (B) EXCEPTION.—During the first fiscal  
20 year in which land is sold or exchanged under  
21 subsection (a), the Secretary shall not sell or  
22 exchange more than 1,280 acres of land under  
23 that subsection.

24 (C) ANNUAL LIMITS.—Subject to clauses  
25 (i) and (ii), the County shall determine the total

1           number of acres that may be offered for sale or  
2           exchange under subsection (a).

3           (4) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—Of the gross  
4           proceeds from any sale of land under this section—

5                   (A) 5 percent shall be available to the  
6           State for use in the general education program  
7           of the State;

8                   (B) 10 percent shall be available to the  
9           Southern Nevada Water Authority for water  
10          treatment and transmission facility infrastruc-  
11          ture in the county;

12                   (C) 10 percent shall be deposited in the  
13          special account established by section  
14          4(e)(1)(C) of the Southern Nevada Public  
15          Lands Management Act of 1998 (Public Law  
16          105–263; 112 Stat. 2343) for use by the Bu-  
17          reau of Land Management, the National Park  
18          Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife  
19          Service, and the Forest Service to carry out  
20          outreach activities relating to the use of public  
21          land in the county, including monitoring the  
22          public land and providing public information  
23          and public education;

24                   (D) 10 percent shall be reserved for aban-  
25          doned mine reclamation in Clark County; and



1 (E) the remainder (65 percent) shall be—  
 2 (i) deposited in the special account de-  
 3 scribed in subparagraph (F); and  
 4 (ii) available to the Secretary until ex-  
 5 pended, without further appropriation, for  
 6 expenditure identified in subparagraphs  
 7 (A) through (C) of section 4(e)(3) of the  
 8 Southern Nevada Public Land Manage-  
 9 ment Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–263;  
 10 112 Stat. 2343).

## 11 **TITLE V—SLOAN CANYON NA-** 12 **TIONAL CONSERVATION AREA**

### 13 **SEC. 501. SHORT TITLE.**

14 This title may be cited as the “Sloan Canyon Na-  
 15 tional Conservation Area Act”.

### 16 **SEC. 502. PURPOSE.**

17 The purpose of this title is to establish the Sloan  
 18 Canyon National Conservation Area to conserve, protect,  
 19 and enhance for the benefit and enjoyment of present and  
 20 future generations the cultural, archaeological, natural,  
 21 wilderness, scientific, geological, historical, biological,  
 22 wildlife, education, and scenic resources of the Conserva-  
 23 tion Area.

### 24 **SEC. 503. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this title:

1           (1) CONSERVATION AREA.—The term “Con-  
2       servation Area” means the Sloan Canyon National  
3       Conservation Area established by section 504(a).

4           (2) FEDERAL PARCEL.—The term “Federal  
5       parcel” means the parcel of Federal land consisting  
6       of approximately 500 acres that is identified as  
7       “Tract A” on the map entitled “Southern Nevada  
8       Public Land Management Act” and dated June 10,  
9       2002.

10          (3) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term “manage-  
11       ment plan” means the management plan for the  
12       Conservation Area developed under section 505(b).

13          (4) MAP.—The term “map” means the map  
14       submitted under section 504(c).

15       **SEC. 504. ESTABLISHMENT.**

16          (a) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose described in sec-  
17       tion 502, there is established in the State a conservation  
18       area to be known as the “Sloan Canyon National Con-  
19       servation Area”.

20          (b) AREA INCLUDED.—The Conservation Area shall  
21       consist of approximately 47,000 acres of public land in  
22       the County, as generally depicted on the map.

23          (c) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

24               (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after  
25       the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1       shall submit to Congress a map and legal description  
2       of the Conservation Area.

3           (2) EFFECT.—The map and legal description  
4       shall have the same force and effect as if included  
5       in this section, except that the Secretary may correct  
6       minor errors in the map or legal description.

7           (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map  
8       and legal description shall be on file and available  
9       for public inspection in—

10                   (i) the Office of the Director of the  
11                   Bureau of Land Management;

12                   (ii) the Office of the State Director of  
13                   the Bureau of Land Management of the  
14                   State; and

15                   (iii) the Las Vegas District Office of  
16                   the Bureau of Land Management.

17 **SEC. 505. MANAGEMENT.**

18       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the  
19       Director of the Bureau of Land Management, shall man-  
20       age the Conservation Area—

21           (1) in a manner that conserves, protects, and  
22       enhances the resources of the Conservation Area;  
23       and

24           (2) in accordance with—

1 (A) the Federal Land Policy and Manage-  
2 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

3 (B) other applicable law, including this  
4 Act.

5 (b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after  
7 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in  
8 consultation with the State, the city of Henderson,  
9 the County, and any other interested persons, shall  
10 develop a comprehensive management plan for the  
11 Conservation Area.

12 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The management plan  
13 shall—

14 (A) describe the appropriate uses and  
15 management of the Conservation Area; and

16 (B)(i) authorize the use of motorized vehi-  
17 cles in the Conservation Area—

18 (I) for installing, repairing, maintain-  
19 ing, and reconstructing water development  
20 projects, including guzzlers, that would en-  
21 hance the Conservation Area by promoting  
22 healthy, viable, and more naturally distrib-  
23 uted wildlife populations; and

24 (II) subject to any limitations that are  
25 not more restrictive than the limitations on

1           such uses authorized in wilderness areas  
2           under clauses (i) and (ii) of section  
3           108(c)(2)(C); and  
4           (ii) include or provide recommendations on  
5           ways of minimizing the visual impacts of such  
6           activities on the Conservation Area.

7       (c) USE.—The Secretary may allow any use of the  
8       Conservation Area that the Secretary determines will fur-  
9       ther the purpose described in section 502.

10       (d) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—Except as needed for  
11       administrative purposes or to respond to an emergency,  
12       the use of motorized vehicles in the Conservation Area  
13       shall be permitted only on roads and trails designated for  
14       the use of motorized vehicles by the management plan de-  
15       veloped under subsection (b).

16       (e) WITHDRAWAL.—

17           (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing  
18       rights and the right-of-way issued under subsection  
19       (h), all public land in the Conservation Area is with-  
20       drawn from—

21           (A) all forms of entry and appropriation  
22           under the public land laws;

23           (B) location, entry, and patent under the  
24           mining laws; and

1 (C) operation of the mineral leasing, min-  
2 eral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

3 (2) ADDITIONAL LAND.—Notwithstanding any  
4 other provision of law, if the Secretary acquires min-  
5 eral or other interests in a parcel of land within the  
6 Conservation Area after the date of enactment of  
7 this Act, the parcel is withdrawn from operation of  
8 the laws referred to in paragraph (1) on the date of  
9 acquisition of the land.

10 (f) HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
12 graph (2), the Secretary shall permit hunting, fish-  
13 ing, and trapping in the Conservation Area in ac-  
14 cordance with applicable Federal and State laws.

15 (2) LIMITATIONS.—

16 (A) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may  
17 designate by regulation areas in which, and es-  
18 tablish periods during which, for reasons of  
19 public safety, administration, or compliance  
20 with applicable laws, no hunting, fishing, or  
21 trapping will be permitted in the Conservation  
22 Area.

23 (B) CONSULTATION.—Except in emer-  
24 gencies, the Secretary shall consult with, and  
25 obtain the approval of, the appropriate State

1           agency before promulgating regulations under  
2           subparagraph (A) that close a portion of the  
3           Conservation Area to hunting, fishing, or trap-  
4           ping.

5       (g) NO BUFFER ZONES.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—The establishment of the  
7           Conservation Area shall not create an express or im-  
8           plied protective perimeter or buffer zone around the  
9           Conservation Area.

10          (2) PRIVATE LAND.—If the use of, or conduct  
11          of an activity on, private land that shares a bound-  
12          ary with the Conservation Area is consistent with  
13          applicable law, nothing in this title concerning the  
14          establishment of the Conservation Area shall pro-  
15          hibit or limit the use or conduct of the activity.

16          (h) RIGHT-OF-WAY.—Not later than 90 days after  
17          the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall con-  
18          vey to the city of Henderson the public right-of-way re-  
19          quested for rural roadway and public trail purposes under  
20          the application numbered N-65874.

21       **SEC. 506. SALE OF FEDERAL PARCEL.**

22          (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections 202 and  
23          203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of  
24          1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713) and subject to valid existing  
25          rights, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment

1 of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the highest quali-  
2 fied bidder all right, title, and interest of the United  
3 States in and to the Federal parcel.

4 (b) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—Of the gross pro-  
5 ceeds from the conveyance of land under subsection (a)—

6 (1) 5 percent shall be available to the State for  
7 use in the general education program of the State;

8 (2) 8 percent shall be deposited in the special  
9 account established by section 4(e)(1)(C) of the  
10 Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of  
11 1998 (Public Law 105–263; 112 Stat. 2345), to be  
12 available without further appropriation for a com-  
13 prehensive southern Nevada litter cleanup and pub-  
14 lic awareness campaign; and

15 (3) the remainder shall be deposited in the spe-  
16 cial account described in paragraph (2), to be avail-  
17 able to the Secretary, without further appropriation  
18 for—

19 (A) the construction and operation of fa-  
20 cilities at, and other management activities in,  
21 the Conservation Area;

22 (B) the construction and repair of trails  
23 and roads in the Conservation Area authorized  
24 under the management plan;



1 (C) research on and interpretation of the  
2 archaeological and geological resources of Sloan  
3 Canyon; and

4 (D) any other purpose that the Secretary  
5 determines to be consistent with the purpose  
6 described in section 502.

7 **SEC. 507. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
9 as are necessary to carry out this title.

10 **SEC. 508. WATER RESOURCES.**

11 Nothing in this Act or any action taken pursuant  
12 thereto shall constitute an express or implied reservation  
13 of surface or groundwater by any person, including the  
14 United States. Nothing in this Act affects any valid exist-  
15 ing water rights in existence before the date of the enact-  
16 ment of this Act, including any water rights held by the  
17 United States. Any recipients of land now held by the  
18 United States must comply with Nevada State law in the  
19 appropriation, distribution, and adjudication of water  
20 rights. If the United States determines that additional  
21 water resources are needed for the purposes of this Act,  
22 the United States shall acquire such rights in accordance  
23 with the water laws of the State of Nevada.

**TITLE VI—PUBLIC INTEREST  
CONVEYANCES**

**SEC. 601. DEFINITION OF MAP.**

In this title, the term “map” means the map entitled “Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act” and dated June 10, 2002.

**SEC. 602. CONVEYANCE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA AT  
LAS VEGAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION.**

(a) FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.—

(1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(A) the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, needs land in the greater Las Vegas area to provide for the future growth of the university;

(B) the proposal by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, for construction of a research park and technology center in the greater Las Vegas area would enhance the high tech industry and entrepreneurship in the State; and

(C) the land transferred to the Clark County Department of Aviation under section 4(g) of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–263; 112 Stat. 2346) is the best location for the research park and technology center.

1           (2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section  
2     are—

3           (A) to provide a suitable location for the  
4           construction of a research park and technology  
5           center in the greater Las Vegas area;

6           (B) to provide the public with opportuni-  
7           ties for education and research in the field of  
8           high technology; and

9           (C) to provide the State with opportunities  
10          for competition and economic development in  
11          the field of high technology.

12       (b) TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH CENTER.—

13           (1) CONVEYANCE.—Notwithstanding section  
14       4(g)(4) of the Southern Nevada Public Land Man-  
15       agement Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–263; 112  
16       Stat. 2347), the Clark County Department of Avia-  
17       tion may convey, without consideration, all right,  
18       title, and interest in and to the parcel of land de-  
19       scribed in paragraph (2) to the University of Nevada  
20       at Las Vegas Research Foundation for the develop-  
21       ment of a technology research center.

22           (2) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The parcel of  
23       land referred to in paragraph (1) is the parcel of  
24       Clark County Department of Aviation land—

1 (A) consisting of approximately 115 acres;  
 2 and

3 (B) located in the SW 1/4 of section 33, T.  
 4 21 S., R. 60 E., Mount Diablo Base and Merid-  
 5 ian.

6 **SEC. 603. CONVEYANCE TO THE LAS VEGAS METROPOLI-**  
 7 **TAN POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

8 The Secretary shall convey to the Las Vegas Metro-  
 9 politan Police Department, without consideration, all  
 10 right, title, and interest in and to the parcel of land identi-  
 11 fied as “Tract F” on the map for use as a shooting range.

12 **SEC. 604. CONVEYANCE TO THE CITY OF HENDERSON FOR**  
 13 **THE NEVADA STATE COLLEGE AT HENDER-**  
 14 **SON.**

15 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) CHANCELLOR.—The term “Chancellor”  
 17 means the Chancellor of the University system.

18 (2) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of  
 19 Henderson, Nevada.

20 (3) COLLEGE.—The term “College” means the  
 21 Nevada State College at Henderson.

22 (4) UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.—The term “Univer-  
 23 sity system” means the University and Community  
 24 College System of Nevada.

1           (5) SURVEY.—The term “Survey” means the  
2           land survey required under Federal law to define the  
3           official metes and bounds of Tract H.

4           (b) CONVEYANCE.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the Federal  
6           Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43  
7           U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) and section 1(c) of the Act of  
8           June 14, 1926 (commonly known as the “Recreation  
9           and Public Purposes Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869(c)), not  
10          later than 60 days after the date on which the sur-  
11          vey is approved under paragraph (3)(A)(ii), the Sec-  
12          retary shall convey to the City all right, title, and in-  
13          terest of the United States in and to the parcel of  
14          Federal land identified as “Tract H” on the map for  
15          use as a campus for the College.

16          (2) CONDITIONS.—

17                (A) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of the  
18                conveyance under paragraph (1), the Chancellor  
19                and the City shall agree in writing—

20                   (i) to pay any administrative costs as-  
21                   sociated with the conveyance, including the  
22                   costs of any environmental, wildlife, cul-  
23                   tural, or historical resources studies;

24                   (ii) to use the Federal land conveyed  
25                   for educational and recreational purposes;

1           (iii) to release and indemnify the  
2           United States from any claims or liabilities  
3           which may arise from uses that are carried  
4           out on the Federal land on or before the  
5           date of enactment of this Act by the  
6           United States or any person;

7           (iv) to provide to the Secretary, on re-  
8           quest, any report, data, or other informa-  
9           tion relating to the operations of the Col-  
10          lege that may be necessary, as determined  
11          by the Secretary, to determine whether the  
12          College is in compliance with this Act;

13          (v) as soon as practicable after the  
14          date of the conveyance under paragraph  
15          (1), to erect at the College an appropriate  
16          and centrally located monument that ac-  
17          knowledges the conveyance of the Federal  
18          land by the United States for the purpose  
19          of furthering the higher education of citi-  
20          zens in the State;

21          (vi) to provide information to the stu-  
22          dents of the College on the role of the  
23          United States in the establishment of the  
24          College; and

1 (vii) to assist the Bureau of Land  
2 Management in providing information to  
3 the students of the College and the citizens  
4 of the State on—

5 (I) public land in the State; and

6 (II) the role of the Bureau of  
7 Land Management in managing, pre-  
8 serving, and protecting the public  
9 land.

10 (B) VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.—The con-  
11 veyance under paragraph (1) shall be subject to  
12 all valid existing rights.

13 (3) USE OF FEDERAL LAND.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—The College and the  
15 City may use the land conveyed under para-  
16 graph (1) for any purpose relating to the estab-  
17 lishment, operation, growth, and maintenance  
18 of the College, including the construction, oper-  
19 ation, maintenance, renovation, and demolition  
20 of—

21 (i) classroom facilities;

22 (ii) laboratories;

23 (iii) performance spaces;

24 (iv) student housing;

25 (v) administrative facilities;

1 (vi) sports and recreational facilities  
2 and fields;

3 (vii) food service, concession, and re-  
4 lated facilities;

5 (viii) parks and roads; and

6 (ix) water, gas, electricity, phone,  
7 Internet, and other utility delivery systems.

8 (B) PROFITABLE ACTIVITIES.—The manu-  
9 facturing, distribution, marketing, and selling  
10 of refreshments, books, sundries, College logo  
11 merchandise, and related materials on the Fed-  
12 eral land for a profit shall be considered to be  
13 an educational or recreational use for the pur-  
14 poses of this section, if—

15 (i) the profitable activities are reason-  
16 ably related to the educational or rec-  
17 reational purposes of the College; and

18 (ii) any profits are used to further the  
19 educational or recreational purposes of the  
20 College.

21 (C) OTHER ENTITIES.—The College and  
22 the City may—

23 (i) consistent with Federal and State  
24 law, lease or otherwise provide property or  
25 space at the College, with or without con-



1           sideration, to religious, public interest,  
2           community, or other groups for services  
3           and events that are of interest to the Col-  
4           lege, the City, or any community located in  
5           the Las Vegas Valley;

6           (ii) allow the City or any other com-  
7           munity in the Las Vegas Valley to use fa-  
8           cilities of the College for educational and  
9           recreational programs of the City or com-  
10          munity; and

11          (iii) in conjunction with the City,  
12          plan, finance, (including the provision of  
13          cost-share assistance), construct, and oper-  
14          ate facilities for the City on the Federal  
15          land conveyed for educational or rec-  
16          reational purposes consistent with this sec-  
17          tion.

18       (4) REVERSION.—

19           (A) NOTICE.—If the Federal land or any  
20          portion of the Federal land conveyed under  
21          paragraph (1) ceases to be used for the College,  
22          the Secretary shall notify the President and the  
23          City in writing of the intention of the Secretary  
24          to reclaim title to the Federal land or any por-  
25          tion of the Federal land, including any improve-

1           ments to the Federal land, on behalf of the  
2           United States.

3           (B) EVIDENCE.—Not later than 180 days  
4           after the date of receipt of a notification under  
5           subparagraph (A), the President may submit to  
6           the Secretary any evidence that the Federal  
7           land, or any portion of the Federal land, is  
8           being used in accordance with the purposes of  
9           this section.

10          (C) PURCHASE BY UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.—

11           (i) OFFER.—Instead of reclaiming  
12           title to the Federal land or any portion of  
13           the Federal land under this paragraph, the  
14           Secretary may allow the University system  
15           to obtain title to the Federal land or any  
16           portion of the Federal land in exchange for  
17           payment by the University system of an  
18           amount equal to the fair market value of  
19           the land, excluding the value of any im-  
20           provements, for any portions of the Fed-  
21           eral land not being used for the purposes  
22           specified in this section.

23           (ii) AUCTION.—If the University sys-  
24           tem elects not to purchase the Federal  
25           land under clause (i)—

1 (I) the Federal land shall revert  
 2 to the United States; and

3 (II) the Secretary shall—

4 (aa) dispose of the Federal  
 5 land at public auction for fair  
 6 market value; and

7 (bb) deposit the proceeds of  
 8 the disposal in accordance with  
 9 section 4(e)(1) of the Southern  
 10 Nevada Public Land Manage-  
 11 ment Act of 1998 (Public Law  
 12 105–263; 112 Stat. 2343).

13 **SEC. 605. CONVEYANCE TO THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NE-**  
 14 **VADA.**

15 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of  
 17 Las Vegas, Nevada.

18 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
 19 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-  
 20 rector of the Bureau of Land Management.

21 (b) CONVEYANCE.—The Secretary shall convey to the  
 22 City, without consideration, all right, title, and interest of  
 23 the United States in and to the parcels of land identified  
 24 as “Tract C” and “Tract D” on the map.

1       (c) REVERSION.—If a parcel of land conveyed to the  
2 City under subsection (b) ceases to be used for affordable  
3 housing or for a purpose related to affordable housing, the  
4 parcel shall, if determined to be appropriate by the Sec-  
5 retary, revert to the United States.

6 **SEC. 606. HENDERSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE.**

7       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8           (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of  
9 Henderson, Nevada.

10          (2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”  
11 means the parcels of Federal land identified as  
12 “Tract G” on the map.

13       (b) CONVEYANCE.—

14           (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2)  
15 and valid existing rights, within 60 days of any par-  
16 ticular request by the City, the Secretary shall con-  
17 vey to the City, without consideration, all right, title,  
18 and interest of the United States in and to the Fed-  
19 eral land.

20           (2) CONDITIONS.—As a condition of the convey-  
21 ance of land under paragraph (1), the City shall  
22 agree—

23                   (A) to manage, in agreement with the  
24 Clark County Department of Aviation, the land

1 in accordance with section 47504 of title 49,  
2 United States Code; and

3 (B) that if any portion of the Federal land  
4 is sold, leased, or otherwise conveyed by the  
5 City—

6 (i) the sale, lease, or conveyance shall  
7 be—

8 (I) for the purposes of imple-  
9 menting the economic development  
10 goals of the City;

11 (II) subject to a requirement that  
12 any use of the transferred land be  
13 consistent with section 47504 of title  
14 49, United States Code; and

15 (III) for an amount equal to—

16 (aa) at least fair market  
17 value; plus

18 (bb) as the City determines  
19 to be appropriate, any adminis-  
20 trative costs of the City relating  
21 to the Federal land, including  
22 costs—

23 (AA) associated with  
24 the sale, lease, or convey-  
25 ance of the Federal land;

1 (BB) for planning, en-  
 2 gineering, surveying, and  
 3 subdividing the land; and

4 (CC) as the City deter-  
 5 mines appropriate, for the  
 6 planning, design, and con-  
 7 struction of infrastructure  
 8 for the economic develop-  
 9 ment zone; and

10 (ii) the City shall deposit the proceeds  
 11 from any sale, lease, or other conveyance  
 12 of the Federal land, excluding any admin-  
 13 istrative costs received under item (bb), in  
 14 accordance with section 4(e)(1) of the  
 15 Southern Nevada Public Land Manage-  
 16 ment Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–263;  
 17 112 Stat. 2343).

18 (3) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be  
 19 on file and available for public inspection in—

20 (A) the Office of the Director of the Bu-  
 21 reau of Land Management;

22 (B) the Office of the State Director of the  
 23 Bureau of Land Management of the State; and

24 (C) the Las Vegas District Office of the  
 25 Bureau of Land Management.

1           (4) RESERVATION FOR RECREATIONAL OR PUB-  
2       LIC PURPOSES.—

3           (A) IN GENERAL.—The City may elect to  
4       use 1 or more parcels of Federal land conveyed  
5       hereunder for recreational or public purposes  
6       under the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly  
7       known as the “Recreation and Public Purposes  
8       Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.).

9           (B) CONSIDERATION.—If the City makes  
10      an election under subparagraph (A), the City  
11      shall pay to the Bureau of Land Management  
12      an amount determined in accordance with that  
13      Act.

14          (5) REVERSION.—A parcel of Federal land shall  
15      revert to the United States if—

16           (A) a parcel used by the City for local rec-  
17      reational or public purposes under paragraph  
18      (4)—

19           (i) ceases to be used by the City for  
20      such purposes; and

21           (ii) is not sold, leased, or conveyed in  
22      accordance with paragraph (2)(B); or

23           (B) by the date specified in paragraph (6),  
24      the City does not—

1 (i) elect to use the parcel for local rec-  
2 reational or public purposes under para-  
3 graph (4); or

4 (ii) sell, lease, or convey the Federal  
5 parcel in accordance with paragraph  
6 (2)(B).

7 (6) TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS.—The  
8 authority provided by this section terminates on the  
9 date that is 20 years after the date of enactment of  
10 this Act.

11 **SEC. 607. CONVEYANCE OF SUNRISE MOUNTAIN LANDFILL**  
12 **TO CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
14 date on which a cleanup of the land identified as “Tract  
15 E” on the map is completed, the Secretary shall convey  
16 to the County, without consideration, all right, title, and  
17 interest of the United States in and to the land.

18 (b) SURVEY.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct  
20 a survey to determine the exact acreage and legal  
21 description of the land to be conveyed under sub-  
22 section (a).

23 (2) COST.—The County shall be responsible for  
24 the cost of the survey conducted under paragraph  
25 (1).



1 (c) CONDITIONS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of the con-  
3 veyance of the land under subsection (a), the County  
4 shall enter into a written agreement with the Sec-  
5 retary that provides that—

6 (A) the Secretary shall not be liable for  
7 any claims arising from the land after the date  
8 of conveyance; and

9 (B) the County may use the land conveyed  
10 for any purpose.

11 (2) VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
13 subparagraph (B), the conveyance of land  
14 under subsection (a) shall be subject to valid  
15 existing rights.

16 (B) EXCEPTION.—On conveyance of the  
17 land under subsection (a), the Secretary shall  
18 terminate any lease with respect to the land  
19 that—

20 (i) was issued under the Act of June  
21 14, 1926 (commonly known as the “Recre-  
22 ation and Public Purposes Act”) (43  
23 U.S.C. 869 et seq.); and

24 (ii) is in effect on the date of enact-  
25 ment of this Act.

1 (d) WAIVER OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—The con-  
2 veyance of land under subsection (a)—

3 (1) shall not require the Secretary to update  
4 the 1998 Las Vegas Valley Resource Management  
5 Plan; and

6 (2) shall not be subject to any law (including a  
7 regulation) that limits the acreage authorized to be  
8 transferred by the Secretary in any transaction or  
9 year.

10 **SEC. 608. OPEN SPACE LAND GRANTS.**

11 (a) CONVEYANCE.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 202  
13 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of  
14 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712), the Secretary shall convey  
15 to the city of Henderson, Nevada (referred to in this  
16 section as the “City”), subject to valid existing  
17 rights, for no consideration, all right, title, and in-  
18 terest of the United States in and to the parcel of  
19 land identified as “Tract B” on the map entitled  
20 “McCulloughs” and dated June 10, 2002.

21 (2) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the convey-  
22 ance of the parcel of land under paragraph (1), in-  
23 cluding costs for a survey and other administrative  
24 costs, shall be paid by the City.

25 (b) USE OF LAND.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The parcel of land conveyed  
2           to the City under subsection (a)(1) shall be used—

3                   (A) for the conservation of natural re-  
4           sources;

5                   (B) for public recreation, including hiking,  
6           horseback riding, biking, and birdwatching;

7                   (C) as part of a regional trail system; and

8                   (D) for flood control facilities.

9           (2) FACILITIES.—Any facility on the parcel of  
10          land conveyed under subsection (a)(1) shall be con-  
11          structed and managed in a manner consistent with  
12          the uses specified in paragraph (1).

13          (3) REVERSION.—If the parcel of land conveyed  
14          under subsection (a)(1) is used in a manner that is  
15          inconsistent with the uses specified in paragraph (1),  
16          the parcel of land shall, if determined to be appro-  
17          priate by the Secretary, revert to the United States.

18          (c) WILDERNESS RELEASE.—Congress finds that the  
19          parcel of land identified in subsection (a)(1)—

20                   (1) has been adequately studied for wilderness  
21          designation for the purposes of section 603(c) of the  
22          Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976  
23          (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)); and

1           (2) shall not be subject to the requirements of  
2           that section relating to the management of wilder-  
3           ness study areas.

4   **SEC. 609. RELOCATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY CORRIDOR LO-**  
5                   **CATED IN CLARK AND LINCOLN COUNTIES IN**  
6                   **THE STATE OF NEVADA.**

7           (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8           (1) AGREEMENT.—The term “Agreement”  
9           means the land exchange agreement between  
10          Aerojet-General Corporation and the United States,  
11          dated July 13, 1988.

12          (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
13          the Secretary of the Interior.

14          (b) RELOCATION.—The Secretary shall, without con-  
15          sideration, relocate the right-of-way corridor described in  
16          subsection (c) to the area described in subsection (d).

17          (c) DESCRIPTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY CORRIDOR.—  
18          The right-of-way corridor referred to in subsection (a)  
19          consists of the right-of-way corridor—

20               (1) numbered U-42519;

21               (2) referred to in the patent numbered 27-88-  
22          0013 and dated July 18, 1988; and

23               (3) more particularly described in section 14(a)  
24          of the Agreement.

1 (d) DESCRIPTION OF AREA.—The area referred to in  
2 subsection (a) consists of an area—

3 (1) 1,000 feet wide; and

4 (2) located west of and parallel to the centerline  
5 of United States Route 93.

6 **TITLE VII—MESQUITE/LINCOLN**  
7 **LANDS ACT AMENDMENTS**

8 **SEC. 701. CONVEYANCE TO THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF**  
9 **TRANSPORTATION.**

10 (a) CONVEYANCE.—The Secretary of the Interior,  
11 acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Man-  
12 agement, shall convey to the Nevada Department of  
13 Transportation, without consideration, all right, title, and  
14 interest of the United States in and to W ½ of section  
15 15, NW ¼ of section 22, NE ¼ of section 21, T. 23,  
16 S., R. 61 E.

17 (b) REVERSION.—If the parcel under subsection (a)  
18 ceases to be used for production of aggregates for highway  
19 construction, the parcel shall, if determined to be appro-  
20 priate by the Secretary, revert to the United States.

21 **SEC. 702. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE MESQUITE**  
22 **LANDS ACT 2001.**

23 Section 3 of Public Law 99–548 (100 Stat. 3061;  
24 110 Stat. 3009–202) is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the  
2 following:

3           “(3) USE OF PROCEEDS.—The proceeds of the  
4 sale of each parcel completed after the date of enact-  
5 ment of this subsection—

6           “(A) shall be deposited in the special ac-  
7 count established under section 4(e)(1)(C) of  
8 the Southern Nevada Public Land Management  
9 Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2345); and shall be  
10 available for use by the Secretary—

11           “(i) to reimburse costs incurred by  
12 the local offices of the Bureau of Land  
13 Management in arranging the land convey-  
14 ances directed by this section;

15           “(ii) for the development of a multi-  
16 species habitat conservation plan for the  
17 Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada, in-  
18 cluding any associated groundwater moni-  
19 toring plan; and

20           “(iii) as provided in section 4(e)(3) of  
21 that Act (112 Stat. 2346).

22           “(4) TIMING.—Not later than 90 days after the  
23 date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall  
24 complete the sale of any parcel authorized to be con-  
25 veyed pursuant to this section and for which the

1 Secretary has received notification from the city  
2 under subsection (d)(1).”; and

3 (2) in subsection (f)(2)(B), by adding at the  
4 end the following:

5 “(v) sec. 7.”.

6 **SEC. 703. WATER RESOURCES.**

7 (a) WATER SYSTEMS.—Nothing in this Act precludes  
8 any Federal, State, or local agency or any private citizen  
9 from having access to existing water resources and exist-  
10 ing diversion points for the purpose of reconstructing di-  
11 versions, pipelines, flumes, ditches, or other conveyances  
12 so long as—

13 (1) there are valid existing water rights on the  
14 source; and

15 (2) construction, rehabilitation, or repair is per-  
16 formed in a manner which causes the least amount  
17 of damage to the wilderness areas, or other areas  
18 designated in this Act, as compared with the alter-  
19 natives.

20 (b) WATER RESOURCES PROJECTS.—Nothing in this  
21 Act shall preclude relicensing of, assistance to, or oper-  
22 ation and maintenance of, development below or above a  
23 wilderness area, or other areas designated by this Act, or  
24 on any stream tributary thereto, which will not invade the  
25 area or unreasonably diminish the existing wilderness, see-

1 nic, recreational, and fish and wildlife values present in  
2 the area as of the date of enactment of this Act.

3 (c) SNOW SENSORS AND STREAM GAUGES.—Nothing  
4 in this Act shall be construed to prevent the installation  
5 and maintenance of hydrologic, meteorologic, or climato-  
6 logical collection devices, cloud seeding generators, or fa-  
7 cilities and communication equipment associated with such  
8 devices, or any combination of the foregoing, or limited  
9 motorized access to such facilities where nonmotorized ac-  
10 cess means are not reasonably available or when time is  
11 of the essence, where such facilities or access are essential  
12 to flood warning, flood control, water supply forecasting,  
13 or water reservoir operation purposes.

14 (d) WATER RIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act either ex-  
15 pressly or impliedly creates reserved water firths or water  
16 below the ground surface in any of the wilderness areas,  
17 or other areas.

